

I read with great interest that the lobbyists for telemarketers are seeking to "water down" the "do not call" rules in our state. Let me emphatically state that I have no desire whatsoever to see this happen. The "do not call" registry has been a boon for me and my family - we no longer suffer an onslaught of calls from various organizations. I do not speak for other households, but as a rule we (my family and I) NEVER make purchases for goods and services via a pitch from a telemarketer. These unwanted calls are an invasion to our privacy.

We also have ABSOLUTELY no interest in receiving calls from companies in which we have a supposed "relationship". If I have done business with a company, I have done so on my terms; it was I who sought them out, not the other way around. If there are further goods/services I require from any of these companies, I will be the one who initiates contact.

We are constantly bombarded by advertising pitches on various media - television, movies, radio, billboards and Internet (computer), to name a few. There must be some place that we can retreat to in order to disconnect from all of this. The time I spend interacting with my family on a personal level is important - too important to be interrupted by these useless and unwanted intrusions.